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Note verbale dated 14 August 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Economic and Social Council decision 1995/226, endorsing the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development to establish the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF), and to document E/CN.17/IPF/1995/3, containing the report of the Panel on its first session, held in New York from 11 to 15 September 1995.

In support of the important work of IPF, Norway initiated a study on the long-term trends and prospects in world supply and demand for wood and implications for sustainable forest management. The study was carried out during the period from December 1995 to July 1996 by an international team of experts headed by Dr. Birger Solberg of the European Forest Institute. The team has produced a summary report of the study* intended as an input to the IPF deliberations.

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* The summary report has been circulated to the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests at its third session.

The Permanent Mission of Norway has the honour to forward to the Panel a copy of the report, entitled "Long-term trends and prospects in world supply and demand for wood and implications for sustainable forest management: a synthesis", and requests that this note verbale be circulated as an official document of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests at its third session.

It should be noted that the views and conclusions in the summary report are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Government of Norway.